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the notice period, before the expiry of the one month. Government were advised that they could not take any action.''

Maistries in the anti-malarial scheme.

* 1558 *Q.*—Sri V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the scale of pay of maistries in the anti-malarial scheme;

(*b*) whether there has been any revision in the scale since 1947;

(*c*) whether the Government have any proposal to abolish the cadre of maistries and include them in the category of Field Assistants; and

(*d*) whether any representations have been made by maistries regarding the unsatisfactory conditions of service.

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—'' (*a*) Rs. 20—1—30.

'' (*b*) Yes, Sir.

'' (*c*) No, Sir.

'' (*d*) Representations were made by the maistries to the Director of Public Health.''

Compensation to constables for accidental deaths while on duty.

* 1559 *Q.*—Sri C. KANDASAMY: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government are paying any compensation to the families of the constables who meet with their death in accidents while on duty; and

(*b*) whether the Government will be pleased to place a copy of the relevant Government Order on the table of the House?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—'' (*a*) No, Sir. But the families of Government servants, including police constables who are killed or die of injuries, received while on duty are eligible for pension and gratuity under the Madras Extraordinary Pension Rules.

'' (*b*) Does not arise.''

Veterinary hospital for Kattumannarkoil.

* 1560 *Q.*—Sri K. ARANGANATHAN (on behalf of Sri G. Vagheesam Pillai): Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal to open a Veterinary hospital in Kattumannarkoil in Chidambaram taluk; and

(*b*) if so, when?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) & (b) A proposal for opening a Veterinary dispensary at Kattumannarkoil is under the consideration of the Government as part of a Part II Scheme for 1955–56. If the scheme is sanctioned, the dispensary will be opened during 1955–56."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" May I know whether the Government are aware that the blackquarter disease is prevalent on a large scale and therefore it is essential to open a dispensary not only at Kattumannarkoil but in other places also in South Arcot district? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Yes, Sir, Government will examine that aspect and consider whether more dispensaries could be opened in South Arcot district."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" What is this blackquarter business, Sir? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The hon. Member may get enlightenment from his neighbour."

Quarters for nurses in Government Headquarters Hospital, Tiruchirappalli.

* 1561 *Q.*—

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member Sri Rangaswami Reddiar is not in his place; the answer will be printed in the proceedings."

SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the nurses working in the Government Headquarters Hospital, Tiruchirappalli, are provided with Government quarters for their residence;

(*b*) if not, where and how they are housed at present;

(*c*) whether any of the nurses are given quarters intended for Assistant Surgeons working in the said hospital; and

(*d*) whether there is any proposal to construct Nurses' Home adjoining the hospital?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) & (*b*) Yes, Sir; all unmarried women nurses are provided with quarters. Seven of them are accommodated in a Government building within the hospital compound and the remaining eight nurses in a leased building outside the compound close to the hospital. Married nurses, whether men or women, are permitted to live outside with their families by making their own arrangements for accommodation.

" (*c*) Yes, Sir; the building referred to was originally intended for the Resident Medical Officer of the hospital. As separate accommodation has been provided for him in one of the House Surgeon's quarters, it was utilized as quarters for nurses.

" (*d*) Not at present."